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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: COSTA GOMES COMMENTS ON AZORES NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUBJECT OF THE AZORES AROSE DURING MEETING MAY 20 BETWEEN NUMBER TWO JUNTA MEMBER GENERAL COSTA GOMES AND POLAD CINCLANT SWANK AND DCM. GENERAL COSTA GOMES EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT, FOLLOWING RECENT CHANGES IN PORTUGAL, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN BRINGING AZORES NEGOTIATIONS TO A PROMPT END POSSIBLY BEFORE AUGUST DEADLINE. WHILE AMBASSADOR THEMIDO WAS IN POSSESSION OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, THE MATTER WOULD NOW HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER. GENERAL COSTA GOMES DUCKED THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HIS OPTIMISM ABOUT ANY EARLY CONCLUSION TO THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS WAS RELATED TO AN EVOLUTION OF THE AFRICAN PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD REMOVE AFRICA FROM CONSIDERATION IN THE AZORES NEGOTIATIONS. AMBASSADOR SWANK OBSERVED THAT U.S. WAS NOT PRESSING FOR AN URGENT SETTLEMENT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND DCM NOTED THAT TALKS COULD PROCEED BEYOND THE AUGUST DATE IF NEITHER SIDE DECLARES THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ENDED WITH A NEGATIVE RESULT. GENERAL COSTA GOMES ACKNOWLEDGED BUT DID NOT COMMENT ON THESE OBSERVATIONS. SCOTT

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